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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Files under Presidential Seal

Certain records of the former Office of Censorship, now under Presidential Seal at the National Archives, contain material which is vital to this Agency in the accomplishment of its mission. These files comprise the most complete American collection of intelligence information on postal controls and secret writing.

Representatives of the Agency, who have been fully cleared for security purposes, have recommended the advisability of examining, extracting and duplicating the files as feasible or necessary to facilitate the performance of their official duties. Your authorization to release the files for this project is respectfully requested.

> WALTER B. SMITH Director

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Chief Yebman Langello, Admiral Dennison's office, called with reference to the attached memo to the President and asked if anyone had called us to give permission. As near as I know no calls were received by the General on this --of course, we don't know what goes on in way of direct calls on the White House phone.

Will you please call Chief Langello "after 2PM" on code 160 x 97.

( out to beach til then )